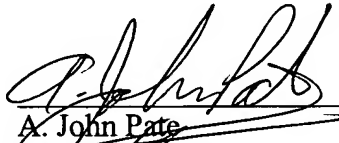


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 12-31 are in condition for immediate allowance. Consideration of all claims is respectfully requested. In the event that the examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of any of these claims, which could be clarified in a telephone conference, the examiner is respectfully urged to initiate the same with the undersigned. Enclosed is Form PTO-2038 authorizing credit card payment in the amount of Forty-Three Dollars (\$43.00) as payment of one independent claim in excess of three.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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